

S.C. Pandemic Influenza Ethics Task Group
South Carolina Hospital Association
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Summary of Ethic Principles “break out” group

Group member:

- Dr. Stuart Sprague (group leader)
- Carmella Epright, PhD
- Stewart Carter

Overall Summary of Session Activities:

- Dr. Sprague explained to the group our purpose or job in regards to this project
- Explained group was to develop a simple outline of what should be contained in our state’s Pan Flu Ethic
- Group made the decision to utilize two existing plans to create our outline. The two plans were “CDC’s Ethical Guidelines in Pandemic Influenza” and a second draft by the Toronto, Canada Dept. of Health
- Plan was in simple terms “merge” these two plans together pulling out the most important items and using these items to create our outline
- Group made outlines and summaries of the two plans
- Utilizing these newly created outlines and summaries the group draft several possible outlines and picked what we felt to be the “best” for this project (outline is presented below)
- Outline was shared with Public Health Ethical Issues sub-committee and was “shot down” by many for being too complex. It was also discussed in full committee meeting and same response was given.
- After hearing comments from the others members of the full committee, Dr. Sprague commented that this outline was not as complex as it was being made to appear, but rather, it just included the sub-headings that many in the group were saying needed to be in the written plan.

Overview/Outline of two Plans:

CDC Plan

- I. General Ethical Considerations
- II. Particular Ethical Issues
 - a. Allocation of Resources
 - b. Social Distancing*
 - * Restriction of independent liberty

Toronto Plan

- I. Ethical Guide
 - a. 10 Substantive values
 - b. 5 Procedural values
- II. Ethical Issues
 - a. Health Care Workers duty to provide care
 - b. Restricting Liberty
 - c. Priority Setting or Allocation of Resources
 - d. Global Government Travel

Our Merger of the Two Plans:

- I. Ethical Considerations
 - a. Individuals Liberty
 - i. Self Determination
 - ii. Freedom of Movement
 - iii. Privacy
 - b. Solidarity
 - i. Inclusiveness
 - ii. Equality
 - iii. Reciprocity
 - c. Trust
 - i. Transparency
 - ii. Accountability
 - iii. Responsiveness
 - d. Professionalism
 - i. Duty to provide care
 - ii. Stewardship of resources
 - iii. Palliative care
 - iv. Nondiscrimination
 - v. Reasonableness

Next meeting: January 21, 2009

